

*** Cutting edge * Innovative * Strategic * Smart *
*GREEN***

In today's world, we need to think boldly and broadly about energy efficiency, conservation, and smart growth. Green building is the wave of the future and the City of Boston will be poised on the cutting edge of green policy and practice.

The responsibility lies with each of us to safeguard the environmental well being of our city. Likewise, it is our job to ensure green policy is implemented thoughtfully, mindful, too, of the long- and short-term economic implications. Undoubtedly, green building is good for the environment. But, today, with energy costs so high, now than ever, green buildings also make good economic sense.

In June 2003, I assembled the Mayor's Green Building Task Force, a group of public and private partners that will help us navigate the waters of environmental / high performance building in Boston, laying the groundwork for policy initiatives that will help us build a greener Boston.

Everyday the landscape changes and we learn more and more about the practices that will keep Boston ahead of the curve in a host of industries and initiatives. With the Mayor's Green Building Task Force forging our way, we will be on the forefront of environmentally progressive policies and practices.

Thomas M. Menino, Mayor City of Boston

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